



CHRIST THE LIGHT

CATHOLIC PARISH

DOREEN, KINGLAKE, MERNDA, WHITTLESEA

17th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME. Year B. 25 July 2021

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Nazareth Centre (St Joseph's Primary School)

44 Mernda Village Drive Mernda 3754

Weekday Mass: Wednesday & Friday 9:15 am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 8am and Sunday 10:30am

St Mary's, Whittlesea

2-20 Fir Street Whittlesea 3757

Weekday Mass: Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 am

Weekend Mass: Sunday 10 am

Reconciliation 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10 am

St Mary's, Kinglake

124 Whittlesea-Kinglake Rd Kinglake 3763

Weekend Mass Sunday 8:30 am

St Joseph's, Mernda

1490 Plenty Rd Mernda 3754

Reconciliation 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays 10 am

We pray for those who have died recently:

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

We pray for those who are ill in our community: Charles Galea, Suad Shisha, Tim Perrett

Entrance Antiphon:

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Kings 4:42-44

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:10-11,15-18
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second Reading: St Paul to Eph 4:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6:1-15

Next Week: 18th Sun Ord Time Yr B

1st: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

2nd: St Paul to Eph 4:17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

GOSPEL REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate. A young lad and the hungers of humanity.

The disciples fell into the verbal trap which Jesus set. They believed that market forces should dictate how the hunger of the crowd could be satisfied. It was a young lad who put the disciples to shame, simply handing over five barley loaves and two fish to Jesus. It was because of his generosity that Divine generosity was able to feed the crowd.

Divine desire to satisfy the hungers of humanity for the various necessities of life (food, shelter, companionship, education, medicines) require human generosity. Otherwise, Divine Compassion cannot be effective in the world.

Voluntary renunciation of property and sharing of wealth still occurs in the little oases of monasteries and echoes of the radical redistribution of wealth recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 4:32-35). St Luke makes it clear that this was essentially linked to the Apostles' testifying to the Resurrection 'with great power'.

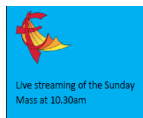
Francis of Assisi and now Francis of Buenos Aires remind us that the Church itself needs to engage in the redistribution of its wealth to enable the hungers of humanity to be satisfied. This will give authenticity to its preaching of the Gospel, and enable its evangelising to be undertaken 'with great power'.

We could take a moment to pray that we become more like the little boy in the Gospel, more like Francis of Assisi, more like Francis of Buenos Aires, voluntarily sharing our wealth to satisfy the hungers of humanity.



We are a Child Safe Parish.
We hold the care, safety and well-being of children, young people and vulnerable adults as a central and fundamental responsibility of our community.

SUNDAY 10:30am Mass
will be our LIVE STREAM MASS
 which can be accessed at the Home Page of the parish website.
www.christthelightparish.org.au



THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday– Friday 9am-4pm
 If you would like to contact the parish please call **9412 8493** and leave a voice message or email **merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au** and a team member will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Premier has announced that Victoria will continue lockdown until Tuesday 27 July.

Weekday and Weekend Masses including the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be not celebrated during this lockdown.

Sunday 10:30 am Mass will continue to live-stream on Our Parish Website.

Fr Martin's Farewell has been postponed. New bookings will be available on Trybooking when details have been confirmed.

Please stay in contact with us either by email at merndawhittlesea@cam.org.au or call 9412 8493.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHEETS. Recent discussions in meetings with our PLT and School RELs including the Catechist program provided some insight into the stress and anxiety families are experiences at this time of the ever changing landscape of our daily life impacted by the pandemic. It is a timely reminder to invite our families to take up the **resource of Children's Worksheets provided through our Parish website each week.** The worksheets are for all ages from kinder to upper primary that have an activity or two focussing on the message of Jesus in the Gospel. Take this opportunity to browse our website, read the newssheet, the weekly Gospel Reflection and make use of the section on "Prayer". Continue to pray for those families who are supporting their children as they prepare for First Eucharist and parents who will be preparing for the Baptism of their child.



Pauline Books & Media currently have a sale on **ST PAUL'S WEEKDAY MISSALS (\$65.45)** and **ST PAULS SUNDAY MISSAL (vinyl - \$32.60. HB \$24.51)**. Information for ordering can be found at www.paulinebooks.com.au or ring the Parish Office and we would be happy to order one for you. Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate.



Hubert, Joseph and Martha Zielinski are moving from Whittlesea. I wish to say THANK YOU and SEE YOU LATER to my fellow parishioners, Joseph went to St. Mary's at the time Kevin Burke was Principal. THANK YOU ALL for his education, the friends made and the whole community support. It is a lovely community that I will miss, as everyone is always so warm, friendly and supportive of each other. Once again THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, God Bless, keep healthy and no doubt I will be joining the Catholic community in Wonthaggi.

MESSAGE FROM PETER A COMENSOLI, ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE. It is with sadness, that under the present uncertainty of COVID restrictions in Victoria and how we might emerge from them, we must postpone the Episcopal Ordination celebration for Bishops-elect Anthony Ireland and Martin Ashe that was to take place on Saturday 31 July, 2021.

BECOMING CATHOLIC. Have you ever considered this? Has anyone ever invited you to join the Catholic Community? Would you be interested? Would you like some questions answered? If these questions reflect ones you may be asking of yourself – I would welcome the opportunity to chat with you. **Sandy Starbuck, Pastoral Associate. Phone: 9401 6324/0402 984 525**

Marianette Mangoba, a former altar server and School Captain of St. Mary's Whittlesea, has decided to cut her hair for the first time EVER on her birthday (August 25) to raise money for the Cancer Council. Instead of birthday presents this year, she wants to raise money to support Victorians with cancer. Please join her for a donation to go towards this honorary cause.

<https://fundraising.cancervic.org.au/fundraisers/marianettemangoba/marianette-mangoba>

First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is this weekend. We give thanks for the love, care, guidance and witness of our grandparents and other seniors who have shown us Christ by their prayer, their words and their actions. May we continue to cherish and care for them, and to call on their wisdom and experience. More details: www.catholic.org.au/grandparents

DATE	MASS	QR CODE	READER	SANITISTER	EUCCHARIST	LAPTOP
31 July	5.30pm	Chris B. Doris M.	Chris B.	Patrick B. Ernie M.	Trish B.	Liz B.
1 August	8am	Bill F. Mick A.	Carmel A.	Biju K. Neeta K.	Dianne M.	Maya E.N.
	10am	Moiria T. Lynne O.	John O.	Estelita B. Grace M.	Karen H.	Barry K.
	10.30am	Libano D. Shavaun A.	Lasith F.	Libano D. Shavaun A.	Yvonne D.	Juliet P.